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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 11 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Cyprus (S/2000/1138)

Briefing by Mr. Alvaro de Soto, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Cyprus

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question (S/2000/1171)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Results-based budgeting (A/54/456 and Add.1-5, A/55/543 and A/54/287 and Add.1))

3 p.m.*- 6 .30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (United Nations common system (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/55/526))

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* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Administrative matters
2. UNICEF
3. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT

First meeting

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on assistance for humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and development of East Timor, under item 20 (b), will be conducted by Brazil, on Monday, 11 December 2000, in Conference Room 6, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg).

Announcements

Background information on the draft provisional outcome document of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children can be obtained by interested delegations from the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-5143 or 963-2356). It will also be available at the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/specialsession/).

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The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429; or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 11 December 2000

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 173)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ISLAMIC GROUP
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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There will be meetings of the Statistics Expert Group of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs on Monday, 11 December 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Hearings

As requested by the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, hearings with the business sector will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12 December 2000, from 10.a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-4451). The list of panellists and their presentations are available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/NGO/1200hear/panel_list2.htm).

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), organized by the delegation of France on behalf of the European Union, will take place on Monday, 11 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Russian Federation Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/russia.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 84th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/604) [154]

2. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/605) [155]

3. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/606) [156]

4. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/607) [157]

5. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-third session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/608) [158]

6. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/609) [159]

7. Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/610) [160]

8. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/611 and Corr.1 (Arabic, English, French and Spanish only)) [161]

9. Establishment of the International Criminal Court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/612) [162]

10. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/613 and Corr.1) [163]

11. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/614) [164]

12. Review of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/615) [165]

13. Observer status for the Inter-American Development Bank in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/616) [171]

14. Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/617) [172]

15. Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/648) [184]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.*	37th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

** Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Open-Ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council will hold its first meeting for the fifty-fifth session on Tuesday morning 12 December 2000, following the adjournment of the General Assembly, on organizational matters (appointment of vice-chairmen).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

Under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), the Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet in Conference Room 7 as follows: Tuesday, 12 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 13 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 15 December, *from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.*

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal panel

There will be an informal panel dialogue at the level of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Development" on Wednesday, 13 December 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri (Finland), President of the General Assembly. Introductory comments will be made by H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), President of the Economic and Social Council, followed by keynote addresses by Mr. Patrizio Civili, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Dr. Mamphela Ramphele, Managing Director of the World Bank, and Mr. Mark Malloch-Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme. There will also be short prepared comments by delegations from the floor, followed by free dialogue.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

First regular session for 2001

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 22 to 26 January 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 15 January 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (22-26 January 2001) will take place on Monday, 8 January 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany.

The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States established in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures) on Tuesday, 12 December 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room D. The meeting will review the status of undergoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on agenda item 173)* on Tuesday, 12 December 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 19 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000 , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 8 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

83rd plenary meeting

Observance of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

The President made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services delivered a message of the Secretary-General.

The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Madagascar (on behalf of the African States), Mongolia (on behalf of the Asian States), Ukraine (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Chile (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States) and Andorra (on behalf of the Western European and other States).

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

(a) *Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on its work during 2000 (A/55/23 (Parts I-III))*

(b) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/72 and Corr.1, A/55/303, A/55/497)*

(c) *Draft resolutions (A/55/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para. 7 and H-para. 8, A/55/L.58)*

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples made a statement in the course of which he introduced the Committee's report (A/55/23).

The representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.58.

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba and Vanuatu.

The President informed the General Assembly that action on the draft resolutions submitted under this item would be taken after the General Assembly had considered the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

Reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) made a statement in the course of which he introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 82 to 88, 89 and 18, 90 and 12, 91 as well as 18.

Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/568) [82]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 11 of its report (A/55/568) (resolution 55/121).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/569) [83]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 12 of its report (A/55/569) (resolution 55/122).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 83.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/570) [84]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to VII recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 22 of its report (A/55/570).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 55/123)	156	1	3
Draft resolution II (resolution 55/124)		adopted	

Draft resolution III (resolution 55/125)	156	2	2
Draft resolution IV (resolution 55/126)	160	0	1
Draft resolution V (resolution 55/127)	157	2	2
Draft resolution VI (resolution 55/128)	156	2	2
Draft resolution VII (resolution 55/129)	156	2	2

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 84.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/571) [85]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 20 of its report (A/55/571).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 55/130)	91	2	61
Draft resolution II (resolution 55/131)	152	2	2
Draft resolution III (resolution 55/132)	152	4	0
Draft resolution IV (resolution 55/133)	150	3	1
Draft resolution V (resolution 55/134)	150	1	4

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 85.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/572) [86]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 11 of its report (A/55/572) (resolution 55/135).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 86.

Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/573) [87]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A and B recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 10 of its report (A/55/573) (resolutions 55/136A and B).

The Assembly also adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 11 of its report (A/55/573).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 87.

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/574) [88]

By 153 to 0, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/574) (resolution 55/137).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 88.

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/575) [89 and 18]

By 151 to 2, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 11 of its report (A/55/575) (resolution 55/138).

By 100 to 47, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 12 of its report (A/55/575).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 89.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (A/55/576) [90 and 12]

By 109 to 0, with 50 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 9 of its report (A/55/576) (resolution 55/139).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 90.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/577) [91]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) ... paragraph 6 of its report (A/55/577) (resolution 55/140).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 91.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/578) [18]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 24 of its report (A/55/578) (resolutions 55/141, 55/142, 55/143 and 55/144).

The General Assembly also adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 25 of its report (A/55/578).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) before it.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A55/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para. 7 and H-para. 8, A/55/L.58) [18]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 18.

The Assembly proceeded to take action on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) contained in Part III, Chapter 13, section G, paragraph 7 and section H, paragraph 8 of document (A/55/23).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution (Part III, G-para. 7) (recorded vote) (resolution 55/145)	153	2	3
Draft resolution II (Part III, H-para. 8) (recorded vote) (resolution 55/146)	125	2	30

By 138 to 2, with 18 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.58 (resolution 55/147).

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 18.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions : Trade and development [92 (a)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.29 and L.61

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.61.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.61, as orally revised.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.61, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.29 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of documents submitted under the sub-item.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 92 (a).

Macroeconomic policy questions: Commodities [92 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.28 and L.62

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.62, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.28.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.62.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.62, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.28 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 92 (b).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: Cultural development [94 (c)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.10 and L.60

The Committee resumed consideration of the item and the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Nicolescu (Romania), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.60, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.10.

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.60.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.60, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.10 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 94 (c).

Environment and sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 [95 (a)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.15 and L.58

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.58, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.15.

The Secretary read out a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.58.

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.58, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.15 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (a).

Environment and sustainable development: Water supply and sanitation [95 (c)] *(A/55/65-E/2000/19)*

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Committee was informed that there were no draft proposals submitted under the agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/55/65-E/2000/19.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (c).

Environment and sustainable development: Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States [95 (d)] *(A/55/185)*

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.21 and L.59

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.59, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.21.

The representative of Barbados (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and the Alliance of the Small Island States) made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.59.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.59, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.21 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The representative of Turkey made a statement.

The representative of Cyprus made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply, in accordance with rule 115 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

The Chairman made a statement.

Environment and sustainable development: Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States [95 (d)] *(A/55/185)*

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.30 and L.57

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.57, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.30.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.57.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.57, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.30 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/55/185.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (d).

Training and research [97]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.35 and L.56

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.56, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.35.

The Director of Programme Planning and Budget Division read out a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.56.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.56, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.35 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 97.

Globalization and interdependence [100]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.36 and L.63

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.63, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.36.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.63.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.63, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.36 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of a document submitted under the item.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100.

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [102]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.43/Rev.1

The Chairman of the Committee introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.43/Rev.1.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.43/Rev.1.

The representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union) and Bangladesh made statements.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 102.

Macroeconomic policy questions: External debt crisis and development [92 (c)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.38 and A/C.2/55/L.64

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.64 which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.38.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.64.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.64, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.38 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 92 (c) and agenda item 92 as a whole.

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2001 and 2002 (A/C.2/55/L.40)

The Chief of the Documentation Programming and Monitoring Unit introduced and orally revised document A/C.2/55/L.40.

The Committee then adopted the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2001-2002, as orally revised.

Closure of the work of the Second Committee

The Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union), Ukraine (on behalf of the Eastern European Group), Benin (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Japan, Madagascar (on behalf of the African Group), Colombia (on behalf of Rio Group countries) and the United States.

The Chairman declared closed the fifty-fifth session of the Second Committee of the General Assembly.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session 26th meeting

The Coordinators for the Working Group on the Relationship Agreement between the Court and the United Nations, the Working Group on Financial Regulations and Rules, the Working Group on Agreement on the Privileges and Immuni-

ties of the Court, and the Working Group on the Crime of Aggression, reported on the progress achieved by their respective Working Groups.

The Special Rapporteur of the Preparatory Commission made a statement.

The representatives of Peru, Hungary, Cuba and oon spoke.

The Chairman of the Preparatory Commission statement and declared close the sixth session of the C sion.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Lao People's Democratic Republic (7 December 2000)

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Signature: Lao People's Democratic Republic (7 December 2000)

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Ratification: Marshall Islands (7 December 2000)*

Signature: Peru (7 December 2000)

Basel Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 10 December 1999

Signature: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (7 December 2000)

Signature: Chile (8 December 2000)

Signature: France (8 December 2000)

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols will be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 36 of the Convention and articles 16 and 21, respectively, of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, N.Y. 10017, (fax: (212) 963-3693. Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Madagascar
H.E. Mr. Jean Delacroix Bakoniarivo

Asian States:
Mongolie
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Valeri Kuchynski
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Gabriel Valdés

Western European and other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, presents a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will remain in display at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

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